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December 17, 2003

To: Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Assisted Living/Residential Care  
(AL/RC) Providers  
Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) Assisted Living/Residential Care  
(AL/RC) Providers

Subject: Long Term Care (LTC)  
Information Letter No. 03-45  
AL/RC Rate Changes

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission approved rate changes for the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC) providers and Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC) providers. These rates are effective January 1, 2004. The new CBA AL/RC rates are included on Attachment I, which should be substituted for section 2600 of the CBA Provider Manual until a manual revision is distributed. The new rates for CWP are on Attachment II.

These reimbursement rates adjust for the increase in Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance benefits (RSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Benefit Rate which clients will begin receiving effective January 1, 2004. As a result, the client's room & board and co-payment (if applicable) will be increased and DHS' share will be reduced. Case managers will notify clients of their new payment amount by December 19, 2003. The client's Individual Service Plan will be updated in January at which time a revised Individual Service Plan will be provided to the client and the AL/RC provider.

All claims for services delivered on or after January 1, 2004, will be processed using the new payment rates. Claims submitted by the provider for any services delivered on or after January 1, 2004 should be prepared using the new rates.

Please contact your contract manager if you have any further questions regarding this information letter. Contract managers should call Rudy Gomez for CBA at (512) 438-3740 or Karen Kroyer for CWP at (512) 438-3444, if they have questions regarding this information letter.

Sincerely,

*Signature on file*

Marilyn Eaton  
Lead Director  
Long Term Care Services

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## Minor Home Modifications

Cost for Minor Home Modification by Range						
<\$500	\$500 to \$999.99	\$1,000 to \$1,499.99	\$1,500 to \$1,999.99	\$2,000 to \$2,499.99	\$2,500 to \$2,999.99	\$3,000 to \$3,499.99
Requisition Fee Amount						
9.89% of cost of item	\$79.16	\$117.55	\$130.22	\$162.09	\$194.34	\$224.69
Cost for Minor Home Modification by Range						
\$3,500 to \$3,999.99	\$4,000 to \$4,499.99	\$4,500 to \$4,999.99	\$5,000 to \$5,499.99	\$5,500 to \$5,999.99	\$6,000 to \$6,499.99	\$6,500 & Over
Requisition Fee Amount						
\$255.43	\$281.15	\$306.49	\$332.21	\$357.94	\$390.80	\$424.04

The rates for CBA-AFC program services as of 9/1/03 are:

Service	Rate Per	Amount
Adult Foster Care Level 1	Day	18.71
Adult Foster Care Level 2		32.27
Adult Foster Care Level 3		65.52
<b>Adult Foster Care Respite</b>		
Adult Foster Care Level 1		32.45
Adult Foster Care Level 2		46.01
Adult Foster Care Level 3		79.27

The **nonparticipant** rates for CBA-AL/RC program services as of 1/1/04 are:

Service	Rate Per	Amount
Assisted Living-Apartment	Day	39.30
Residential Care-Apartment		30.58
Residential Care-Non-Apartment		23.22
Personal Care 3		63.53
<b>Assisted Living Respite</b>		
Assisted Living-Apartment		54.89
Residential Care-Apartment		46.16
Residential Care-Non-Apartment		38.80

**Level 1 participant** rates for CBA-AL/RC program services as of 1/1/04 are:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Rate Per</b>	<b>Participant Level 1 Amount</b>
Assisted Living – Apartment		
AL 1 Tile Levels 201, 203, 204 & 205	Day	59.88
AL 2 Tile Levels 202, 206 & 207		55.78
AL 3 Tile Level 208		50.18
AL 4 Tile Level 209		52.38
AL 5 Tile Level 210		47.16
AL 6 Tile Level 211		45.74
Residential Care – Apartment		
AL 1 Tile Levels 201, 203, 204 & 205		53.29
AL 2 Tile Levels 202, 206 & 207		49.19
AL 3 Tile Level 208		43.59
AL 4 Tile Level 209		45.80
AL 5 Tile Level 210		40.58
AL 6 Tile Level 211		39.15
Residential Care - Non-Apartment		
AL 1 Tile Levels 201, 203, 204 & 205		37.35
AL 2 Tile Levels 202, 206 & 207		33.25
AL 3 Tile Level 208		27.66
AL 4 Tile Level 209		29.85
AL 5 Tile Level 210		24.64
AL 6 Tile Level 211		23.21

**CONSOLIDATED WAIVER PROGRAM  
FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2004 AND 2005**

Program	Unit	SFY 04/05 Rates	
		Unit Rate	
Personal Assistance Services	Hour	\$9.82	
Day Habilitation/Prevocational Services/			
Residential Habilitation (less than 24 hours)	Hour	\$12.02	
Supported Employment	Hour	\$21.15	
Registered Nurse Services	Hour	\$33.44	
Licensed Vocational Nurse Services	Hour	\$25.06	
Physical Therapy	Hour	\$64.57	
Occupational Therapy	Hour	\$61.59	
Speech/Language Pathology	Hour	\$60.55	
Audiology	Hour	\$60.55	
Psychological Counseling	Hour	\$68.95	
Social Work	Hour	\$45.70	
Behavioral Communication	Hour	\$68.95	
Orientation/Mobility Specialist	Hour	\$39.56	
Dietary Services	Hour	\$48.36	
Intervenor	Hour	\$12.02	
Independent Advocacy	Hour	\$12.02	
Pre-enrollment Assessment	Assessment	\$129.26	
In-Home Respite	Day	\$228.39	
Assisted Living/Residential Care (AL/RC):			
AL/Single Occupancy Apartment	Day	\$45.70	
AL/Double Occupancy Apartment	Day	\$39.11	
Residential Care - Non-Apartment	Day	\$23.17	
AL/RC Out-of-Home Respite Services:			
AL/Single Occupancy Apartment	Day	\$61.28	
AL/Double Occupancy Apartment	Day	\$54.69	
Residential Care - Non-Apartment	Day	\$38.90	
Adult Foster Care (AFC):			
Level I	Day	\$18.71	
Level II	Day	\$32.27	
Level III	Day	\$65.52	
Adult Foster Care Out-of-Home Respite:			
Level I	Day	\$32.45	
Level II	Day	\$46.01	
Level III	Day	\$79.27	
24-Hour Residential Habilitation:			
Intermittent	Day	\$80.19	
Limited	Day	\$87.98	
Extensive	Day	\$99.14	
Pervasive	Day	\$118.09	
Family Surrogate Services:			
Intermittent	Day	\$43.54	
Limited	Day	\$46.90	
Extensive	Day	\$63.76	
Pervasive	Day	\$87.36	
Other Out-of-Home Respite:			
Hospital, Nursing Facility, ICF-MR, Camps, and Day Care Centers	Various	At HHSC approved rates or cost	
Requisition Fees - Adaptive Aids & Minor Home Modifications	Fee	See attached	

**REQUISITION FEES  
FOR ADAPTIVE AIDS AND MINOR HOME MODIFICATIONS  
FOR THE COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES, CONSOLIDATED, AND  
COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES WAIVERS**

<b>Adaptive Aids and Medical Supplies</b>	
<b>Invoice Price</b>	<b>SFY 04/05 Rates</b>
Under \$500	9.89% of cost
\$500 to \$999.99	\$53.44
\$1,000 to \$1,499.99	\$91.83
\$1,500 to \$1,999.99	\$104.50
\$2,000 to \$2,499.99	\$117.55
\$2,500 to \$2,999.99	\$132.73
\$3,000 to \$3,499.99	\$139.26
\$3,500 to \$3,999.99	\$145.40
\$4,000 to \$4,499.99	\$151.93
\$4,500 to \$4,999.99	\$158.46
\$5,000 and over	\$167.10

<b>Minor Home Modifications</b>	
<b>Invoice Price</b>	<b>SFY 04/05 Rates</b>
Under \$500	9.89% of cost
\$500 to \$999.99	\$79.16
\$1,000 to \$1,499.99	\$117.55
\$1,500 to \$1,999.99	\$130.22
\$2,000 to \$2,499.99	\$162.09
\$2,500 to \$2,999.99	\$194.34
\$3,000 to \$3,499.99	\$224.69
\$3,500 to \$3,999.99	\$255.43
\$4,000 to \$4,499.99	\$281.15
\$4,500 to \$4,999.99	\$306.49
\$5,000 to \$5,499.99	\$332.21
\$5,500 to \$5,999.99	\$357.94
\$6,000 to \$6,499.99	\$390.80
\$6,500 and over	\$424.04